

Attitudes On Tapping Surveyed

About one-quarter of the prominent Washington residents who responded to a Washington Post questionnaire said they suspect or believe they were tapped or bugged or have in the past ordered checks of their telephone lines for possible wiretaps.

Among them: House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D-La.), Reps. John E. Moss (D-Calif.) and Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), and Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R-Md.).

Altogether, 58 of 193 congressmen responding and six of 28 senators responding said they believe they have been bugged or tapped.

The questionnaire was sent to about 1,500 randomly chosen lawyers, judges, businessmen, journalists, White House aides and trade associations, and to all senators and representatives.

Many persons concerned with the issue of privacy maintain that a belief that a person may be tapped or bugged can be as important in stifling freedom as the fact. Purpose of the survey was to attempt to determine the extent of that belief in Washington.

Of the 380 people who turned the questionnaire in, 96 indicated a belief they were tapped, had ordered checks on their lines, or restricted their telephone and office conversations because of that belief.

No tap or bug had been found by any of those responding.

The following is a breakdown of those who did and did not believe they had been tapped or bugged:

	Yes	No
Senators	6	2
Representatives	58	13
Lawyers	74	2
Journalists	9	1
Trade Associations	3	1
White House aides	0	0
Supreme Court Justices	0	0
Businessmen	0	1
Anonymous returns	6	0